

City Council Minutes
January 4, 2021

The Fergus Falls City Council held a regular meeting on Monday January 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. Lake Region Healthcare Chaplain Burke Lindvall gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Schierer called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the council participated in the meeting through zoom. Council members in attendance were Thompson, Arneson, Gustafson, Hicks, Fish, Hagberg, Kvamme and Rufer.

Oath of Office

City Attorney Rolf Nycklemoe swore in Ben Schierer as Mayor; Jim Fish as a Ward One City Council Member; Tom Rufer as a Ward Two City Council Member; Brent Thompson as a Ward Three City Council Member and Anthony Hicks as a Ward Four City Council Member with Oaths of Office.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion and second were made by Fish and Thompson to approve tonight's agenda with the addition of an update on cross country ski trails in city parks and the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved under **Resolution #1-2021** by Rufer: Motion approving the minutes from the December 21, 2020 City Council meeting. Motion approving the following licenses: Gas/Mechanical Damyans Heating & Cooling, Ugstad Plumbing, McDowall Company, G & R Controls, E & H Enterprises; Tobacco Lincoln Vapors. **Resolution #2-2021** designating the Daily Journal as the city's legal publication in 2021. **Resolution #3-2021** designating depositories for 2021. **Resolution #4-2021** delegating the City Administrator, Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director the authority to make 2021 electronic fund transfers on behalf of the City of Fergus Falls. **Resolution #5-2021** adopting the 2021 Elected Officials Out of State Travel Policy. **Resolution #6-2021** approving budget adjustments. **Resolution #7-2021** declaring Unit 224, a 2016 Freightliner refuse truck as surplus property and authorizing the purchase of a 2020 Freightliner refuse truck. **Resolution #8-2021** authorizing Pedal Fergus Falls to apply for a Federal Recreation Trail Grant for Ferber Park. The resolution was seconded by Gustafson and was adopted.

Resolution of Accounts

Fish offered a resolution authorizing the payments and claims in the amount of \$500,582.34, which was seconded by Hagberg and was adopted.

2021 Board and Commission Appointments

A motion and second were made by Arneson and Hicks appointing the 2021 board and commission members and the motion carried.

Acting Mayor

A motion and second were made by Thompson and Arneson nominating Tom Rufer as the 2021 Acting Mayor and the motion carried.

2021 Council Appointments

A motion and second were made by Hagberg and Hicks approving the following 2021 council appointments and the motion carried.

Board of Equalization: Ward One- Krista Hagberg, Ward Two- Scott Kvamme, Ward Three- Brent Thompson, Ward Four- Karoline Gustafson

Business Development for Fergus Falls: Anthony Hicks

Fire Department Relief Association: Fire Chief, City Administrator, Jim Fish

Fire Department Trust Fund: Fire Chief, Scott Kvamme

Golf Board: Jim Fish

Hockey Association: Karoline Gustafson

Investment Committee: City Administrator, Finance Director, Assistant Finance Director, Certified Financial Planner, Justin Arneson

Legislative Committee: Mayor, City Administrator, Justin Arneson, Tom Rufer

PEG Access Board: Scott Kvamme

Personnel Committee: Krista Hagberg, Karoline Gustafson

Senior Citizens: Brent Thompson

Tax Levy Committee: Mayor, City Administrator, Karoline Gustafson,

Visit Fergus Falls: Jim Fish

West Central Initiative Economic Development District: Krista Hagberg

Cross Country Ski Trails

The city has been working with the Nordic Ski Association to again authorize cross country ski trails in city parks. This year a one mile loop will be maintained on the RTC campus and a ½ mile loop in Roosevelt Park. Wynn Roberts and Samantha Meyer spoke about the increased interest and utilization of these trails and opportunities to expand to other future locations. The DNR is allowing the city to use a groomer for the trails. A partnership with the school district to keep up with the maintenance of these trails is forthcoming. Mayor Schierer spoke about future locations and opportunities for these trails that can accommodate these biking and cross country skis.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm

Lynne Olson